

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

BURDETTE ANDREWS

WHEREAS, since July 1946, Burdette Andrews has served admirably as Superintendent of Vandercook Lake Schools; and

WHEREAS, at 94 years old, Burdette Andrews holds two important distinctions - he is the nation's oldest superintendent, and also has the longest tenure of any superintendent in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C.-based publication Education Week featured Burdette Andrews in 2000 as the longest-serving superintendent still in office; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of School Administrators honored Burdette Andrews at its Midwest Conference in January for his years of service - naming him Michigan's distinguished elder statesman of school superintendents; and

WHEREAS, Burdette Andrews' life has been dedicated to the community of Vandercook Lake, and its children; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education and the Michigan Department of Education regretfully received notice that Burdette Andrews will retire from the Vandercook Lake Schools as of June 30, 2002, after a long and successful career; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Burdette Andrews its highest regard, and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise this dedicated educator has brought to the children of Vandercook Lake, Jackson County, and the state of Michigan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education wishes Burdette Andrews well in his future role as a consultant to Vandercook Lake Schools and for long-lasting happiness with his wife of 62 years, Ann, and their family; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education publicly states that Michigan school superintendents follow the example of Burdette Andrews, a true pillar of the Jackson County community and a clear beacon and symbol of longevity and success for all of Michigan's educational leaders.



Adopted June 13, 2002

Kathleen N. Straus, President

Thomas D. Watkins, Chairman